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To VIKTOR[i].

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"perfect type of fascist". Sometimes she calls all Russians "swine". In response to DUGLAS's[ii] request to be more concrete MARGARITA[iii] replied that she "loved" the USSR but hated "the bureaucrats that are sucking the blood of innocent people like her parents". MARGARITA also showed an unhealthy nationalism. On reading an article about German atrocities in the USSR MARGARITA remarked, "Much ado about nothing but no one bothers about the Finns murdered in KARELIA[iv]". MARGARITA is friendly with the daughter of VOSKA[v] who is known to you. In the words of D.[vi] she is wholly under her influence and probably recounts to her her dealings with us. MARGARITA is also under the influence of another Czech, Helena MATOUŠEK[MATUSHEK][vii]. MARGARITA told D. that she was not going to work in the SHELTER[PRIYut][viii] because Helena MATOUŠEK had also refused to go there.

We consider that MARGARITA's unbalanced condition and hostility towards us may lead to serious consequences even including [C% treachery]. For this reason it would be desirable to cease work with her. As, in D.'s words, she is constantly expressing the wish to return to the USSR, this solution of the problem would be the most radical. It would be possible to provide a cover story[LEGENDIROVAT'] for the trip by means of a request from her wounded brother, but for this a letter from him is essential. On his return D. will see MARGARITA and say that he is going away for some weeks. If an opportunity of organizing the trip does not present itself we recommend completely dropping live contact[ZhIVAYa SVYaz'] with her after having provided appropriate cover for this step. Telegraph your opinion.

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